

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
	)	Confirmation No. 7620
Brad St. Croix, et al.	)	
	)	Group Art Unit: 1643
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Serial No. 10/519,805	)	Examiner: M. Natarajan
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Filed: December 13, 2005	)	Atty Docket: 001107.00527
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For: Secreted and Cytoplasmic Tumor	)	
Endothelial Markers	)	

**AMENDMENT AND**  
**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner of Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
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Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 18, 2008, applicants amend the claims and request that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office reconsider the patentability of the claims in view of the prior art. Claims 23-24 are elected and examined with regard to the protein known as secreted protein, acidic, cysteine-rich (osteonectin).

Please extend the time for responding to September 18, 2008, *i.e.*, for three months.  
Please charge the fee of \$120.00 to our deposit account number 19-0733.